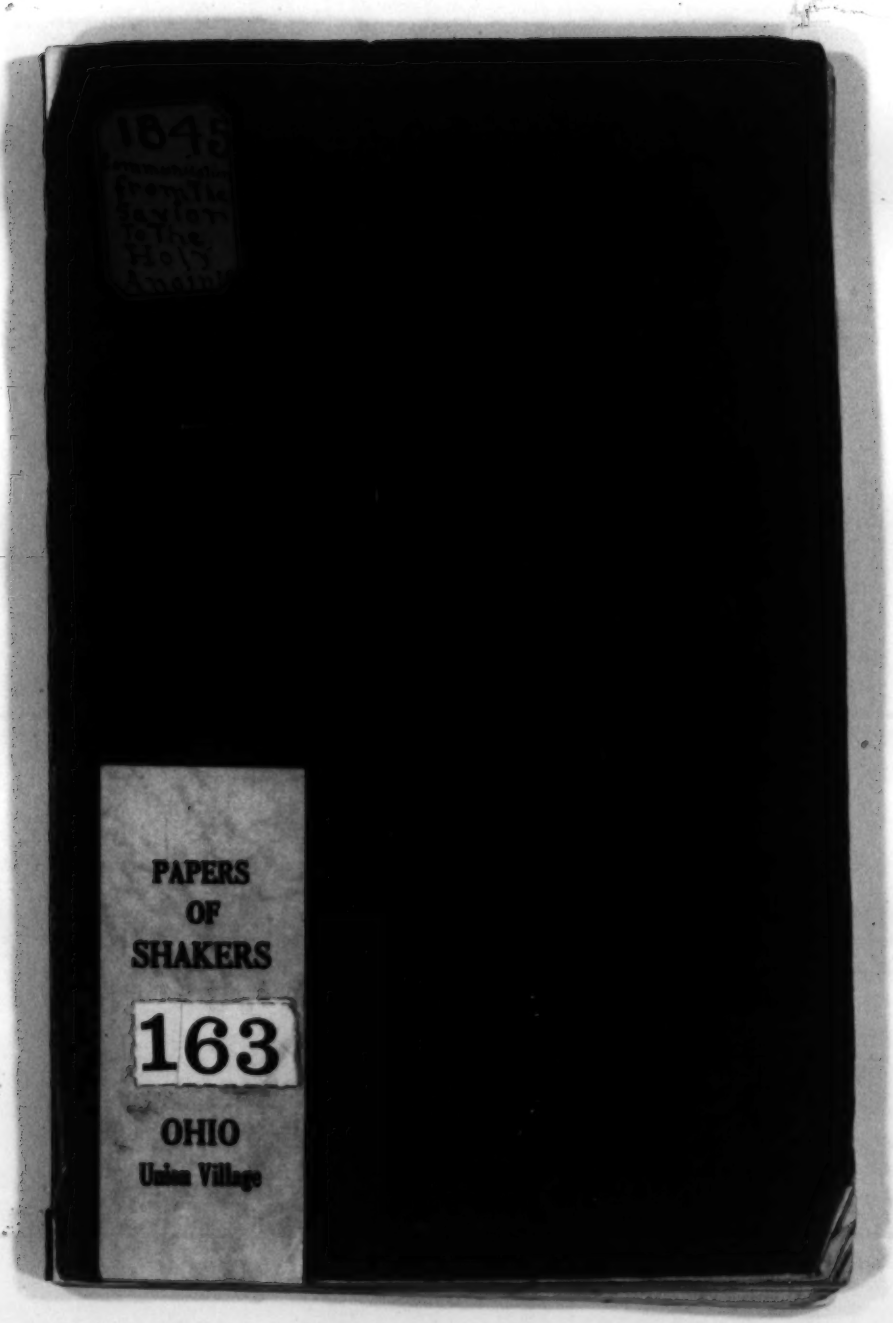
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A Communication from the Savior to the Holy Anoin-ted and Elders, for the Inhab-itants of Zion.

Holy Mount, Oct. 1, 1845.

If I go, I will send unto you the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, and ye shall know of a truth I am he.

On the Lord's day they were, by one consent, together.

1. Bow down your hearts to

understanding, O ye inhabitants of the Zion of the living God; lend a listening ear, look and behold; for this day are the prophecies fulfilled unto you.

2. Now hath come salvation and honor, and the power of God, and the glory of his Christ. Now is descended the new Jerusalem from God; now is the fountain open, to God's well beloved, for sin and for uncleanness, for the healing of the souls of the nation.

3. And the Spirit and the Bride say, Come, let him

that heareth say, Come, and
let him that is athirst come
and partake of the waters of life
freely.

4. Whosoever shall drink at
this fountain, and bathe in its
waters, shall know of a truth
that I am he, the Christ, and
they will with free accord come
unto me.

5. Lo, again have I come unto
you, and my reward is with me
to give unto every one according
to their works. All that have
increased their talents, which
the Lord hath given them, will

welcome my arrival with
consolation and thanksgiving;
but those who have hid their
talent will say, I knowd thou
art a hard master.

6 Unto you that have a
name to live, yet are dead, return
and do the first work, lest ye
are blotted out of the book of
life.

7. Return and unfold the
secrets of your hearts, enter
in at the straight gate, and ye
shall meet me in peace, and
I will crown you with eternal
life and a crown which shall

not be blotted out; a name
which none shall receive
save those that mourn for
their transgressions which
they have committed.

P. I call, I call aloud for
the number who have sealed
themselves unto the living God,
I call for the works that
ye may be made manifest
as the children of God. I call
for a holy generation born
of the Spirit, who have
sought the Father, who have
found the Father, – who know
the Father, who have have
found favor in the sight of

the Father, who live in his light, and abide in his spirit continually; who have forsaken all for my name's sake.

9. The day for the manifestation of the powers of the heavenly world above to the children of light hath come, and my call is in mercy unto you, and my call hath come. Come all ye that hunger and thirst after righteousness, and ye shall be filled.

10. Come all ye that seek for truth and it shall be manifested unto you in life

and holy power. Come, come unto me, and ye shall receive that light which will cause you so to shine before men, that they will see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

11. But O Zion! cast a look about thee, and see from whence thou art fallen, and whither thou art strayed! Where is the ensign of thy profession? The power of thy faith? The faith of thy Savior?

12. Where are the pillars of thy firmament, and the

walls of thy safety?
Art thou not rather
professing to live, to hold
a name, yet art dying?

13. Hast thou not for-
saken the waters of life,
saying, I thirst not; yet
hast gone to the
fountain whose waters
perish?

14. O ye possessing little
faith, yet desiring less, continue
ye to harden your hearts
as did Pharaoh, making
your solemn professions lies,
and your desires will soon
be fulfilled unto you.

O that ye knew the things

that pertain to your peace!
But lo, they are taken
from you, because ye have
loathed their sight.

15. But for the sake of
the upright souls that dwelt
in Mount Zion, and in
defence of the Lord who
laid the foundation of Zion
deep, saying, No one shall
overthrow it, have the heav=
=enly hosts united in concert,
and cry unto the Lord day
and night, beseeching Him
to be mindful of the temple

and the city of his own rearing, to remember the heritage of His name.

And the Lord hath declared, that He will not keep silent, until He establishe Zion a praise in the earth.

16. Lo, come all ye that hunger and thirst for salva=tion, come and bathe in the river of life. Come, and I will give you to drink of the wells of salvation, and of the fountains that never fail.

17. Come, and I will give unto you the Comforter, the Spirit of truth, and ye shall

know of a truth I am He,
the Christ, the Savior of
mankind.

15. Come, and ye shall re=
joice before the Lord in the beauty
of holiness, in thankfulness
for his boundless mercy and
wonderful works.

19. Come, and walk with me
your Savior, and I will lead
you to mansions of everlasting
peace, where the redeemed of
Jehovah dwell, where sorrow
and sufferings shall have an
end, where the wicked cease
from troubling, and where

the weary soul shall find rest.

20. O children, called to be sons and daughters of a pure and holy God, I mourn for you! As I march thro the courts of Mount Zion I mourn! I mourn for their sake, I mourn for the sake of their indwellers.

21. I mourn not for the faithful only; but for the unfaithful. I mourn not for the demolition of the beauty of Zion only; but I mourn because of the tribulation it must require to regain it. O Zion,

O Zion, O that thou hadst
been mindful of the things
which pertain to thy peace,
beauty and consolation,
the cup of bitterness which
thou must surely drink
would have passed thee by.

22. But now it is thine;
it hath fallen to thy lot as the
just and righteous reward of
thy works. Why art thou
lifted up? Why hast thou
seated thyself on high?
Why hast thou exalted thyself?
Knowest thou not that the
self-exalted shall be brought
low?

23. Mourn! mourn!

for your violations of
righteousness. Mourn,
mourn! for the degeneracy
of a lost world! Mourn,
and ye shall be comforted.
24. But who are ye
who stand and say, Aha!
Aha! and rejoice in that
for which ye ought to mourn
and lament? Sure ye shall
be weighed in the balance
and found wanting
25. Who art thou that
judgest the Almighty, and
at the same time condem-
nest thyself? Or what
is man that he should

think to comprehend the Most High? Can ye say what causeth the wind to blow from the east to day, and from the west to morrow? Neither can ye comprehend the workings of the eternal Creator.

26. Ye look at his doings and marvel and are con=founded because of the greatness and mysteriousness of them. And if ye, seeing but the beginning of His power, wonder, what think ye, if ye should behold his eternity?

27. Blessed are all those that believe in what their eyes have beheld, that harbor not a doubting spirit concerning the work of their God. That do not despise nor lightly esteem what they have been privi=-lege to survey and enjoy; for surely God will not hold the soul guiteless that doeth this.

28. Have ye not heard it said by them of olden time, That the things that are highly prized of God, are lightly esteemed

among men? And that the wisdom of man is foolishness with God?

29. Be ye, therefore, wise, and cleave unto the Lord that your election may be sure. Seek wisdom and receive instruction, that ye may be truly wise, remembering that Wisdom is justified of Her children.

30 And now I say unto all that would obtain the prize, let them strip and run the race. Be not afraid, neither doubt; for God is your

guide, He is your strength

and your protector, He is the sanctuary and ark wherein ye may dwell safely, and walk undeviatingly.

31. Deny yourselves of the pleasures of this world. Reject its grandeur, despise its revellings, cast behind you its trappings. Come out from among this wicked generation, touch no more their uncleanness; seek not their union and applause, only by your works of justice,

32. If ye make unto yourselves friends of the children of this world by uniting with their abom=inations to avoid censure, you make unto yourselves enemies of God.

33. Seek first the kingdom of heaven and its righteous=ness, and all the needful things of this life shall be added unto you in great abundance, making it manifest to every beholder, and to every passerby, that ye are of a truth, the

children of the living God.

34. But if ye reject the latter and seek the former, then shall the earth be barren for your sakes, and ye will be the abomination and curse of the earth. And all who behold you will see your iniquity, and it shall be unto them a testimony that ye have forsaken the Lord your God.

35. Therefore, ye servants of the Lord, be mindful of your birthright, and cleave closely unto the law of your God. Cease not to

place your confidence in Him,
cease not to beseech Him for
His blessing. Cleave unto
him with your whole might,
mind and strength, and ye shall
never fail.

36. Be ye bound together
in bands of gospel love, possess-
sing but one Lord, one faith,
and one baptism. Then
whatever ye shall ask of the
Father, in one mind, in the
order of his appointment, it
shall be done unto you

37. O Leaders and Directors
of the Zion of God upon earth,
the time hath come for Zion

to be purged, for her children to be clean; for the prayers of the faithful within her walls to be answered.

89. - Every branch of the evil tree must be cut down, and consumed in the fire of the gospel. Let the people purify themselves, let Zion be made clean. Let the tongue that hath spoken iniquity, and hath worked deceitfully, confess the evil which it hath committed.

89. For the day of the Lord hath come which will burn as an oven, and

all those that do evil, and work iniquity in the sight of the Lord, shall be consu=med as dross, and cast off from among his people.

40. I call upon all to bow low and repent, and cry to God for remission of your transgressions, to forgive you as ye forgive others. Say not to thy brother nor sister, pay me that which thou owest, and yet acknowl=edge not thine own error. Confess firstly thine own fault.

41. Did I come into the

world to array man against
man, or was my mission
to establish peace? Surely
as the angels sung on the
heights of Bethlehem, so was
my mission.

42. Whatsoever I have
declared in the hearing of
the children of men, I received
from my Father; and the
declarations which I have
uttered unto them, will
judge them, when they
shall appear before the judge-
ment-seat of heaven.

43. By this shall all
men know that ye are my

disciples, if ye have love
one for another. And con-
-trariwise they will know that
ye are not my disciples.
44. Once more I call
aloud unto Zion to humble
herself before her God! And
O Holy Anointed and Leaders
of her inhabitents, call loudly
unto the people to repent,
repent and come to judgement;
for God is displeased with
their doings. Call upon
them to wash and cleanse
themselves from all
impurity.

45. Let none be exalted, saying, I am righteous, but be exceeding humble, lest in the day of judgement ye fail. Seek not to pull the mote out of thy brother's or sister's eye, but let every one be engaged to remove the beam from their own eye.

46. I call unto you in mercy, in true charity and paternal love, and my people will hear and obey their Savior's voice; but all that exalt themselves have no inheritance in my kingdom

47. They that consider themselves greatest are considered least in the kingdom of heaven; but those who feel themselves to be the least, shall be the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Every high hill shall be cast down, and every valley filled up, and the lofty imaginations of man shall be brought low.

48. The wise of this world shall be confounded, their knowledge shall come to nought, and those that trust therein shall surely

perish. Therefore take
heed ye that think ye stand!
Seek the wisdom of God
lest ye fail and fall.

49. Be ye wise as serpents,
and harmless as doves. Be
careful what ye say or do,
because for every idle
word ye speak, ye will be
constrained to give an account
thereof in the day of judgment.

50. Lo, the watchful eye
is upon you, and the enemy
of your souls is seeking and
striving to decoy you from
the path of truth, and of
confidence in your God.

Consider well that unto
whom ye yield yourselves
servants, his servants ye
are. It lieth in your
power to choose, but remember
ye must abide the consequence.

51. I have not come to
thrust you into the kingdom
of heaven by violence, nor
to compel you there through
fear. But those that will
let them come voluntarily.

52. I will show them
the way wherein they may
ever walk in safety, in-
-creasing in pleasure as they
proceed on their journey
thro' all eternity.

Look not to the scenes of time thinking to draw a picture of eternal happiness; for these will surely fail; but the treasures of immortality will continue without end, and never tarnish nor fade.

53. Therefore have hope placed in the glory of the world to come. Seek its riches and the kingdom shall be opened unto you, and ye may eat and be satisfied.

54. Many are gathering from the east, west, north and south, by the word of the holy

one of Israel; and they will sit down in the kingdom, and those of the kingdom that are unfaithful shall be cast out, and these shall take their birthright.

55. But those that are willing to help through tribulation, persecution, and to have all manner of evil spoken against them falsely, for my sake, great shall be their reward.

56. These are they who, having passed through deep tribulation, and having washed their garments white in the

blood of the Lamb, shall receive the garments of the saints, and a new name which none can read, save those who possess it.

57. Now, Anointed Leaders of the people of God on earth, unto whom is given the judgment of the saints in time, and unto whose direction and wisdom all spiritual communications for the good and improvement of the people are submitted, I make known unto you the appointments of heaven, and communicate unto

you a universal gift for
all believers who name the
name of Christ, and believe
therein; who believe in his
testimony, and his saving
grace.

58. The gift is, That all
Zion's inhabitants should
labor, in humility and
sincerity of soul, to draw near
unto the Lord their God in
oneness of spirit, and purify
themselves by bringing to the
light everything that is offen-
sive to His pure spirit.

59. Let every secret intent
of the heart, and design of the

mine, be laid plainly open before his appointed witnesses, putting the Devil to shame, and glorifying God.

60. Furthermore, I say, all ye that can pray sincerely and devotedly, without ceasing, for the manifestation of the power of God among His people.

61. I say that the Spirit of the Holy Ghost, the saving spirit of truth, may rest upon you, that the light and evidence of God may be manifested among you.

62. These things come only

by fasting and prayer, and tribulation of soul; therefore pray ye for Zion's sake; also, for the sake of all mankind. Ye are called to be the light of the world, whereby they may be led out of darkness; but if ye are destitute of light, how can ye lead them?

63. O pray, O pray to your God for his strength and protection! O seek his favor by walking in obedience to His will and Holy Laws. O labor to feel the responsibility of your calling: for on you hangs the redemption of the world,

and if ye fail of performing your duty; it will stand against you in judgement, and ye will be numbered among the unprofitable servants of your God.

4. O come! Come speedily! for now is the acceptable day. O do not hesitate longer; but come to the call of your Savior and his holy angels, and min=istering spirits from the eternal heavens; for they are loaded with the gifts and blessings from on high, to shower down upon you to refresh your needy souls. O come, be not ashamed.

65. O who can forbear to purify their heart, to rid themselves of their deadliest foe, to be the Servant of their God! Come all ye who will come and partake freely, for the blessings of heaven shall be opened unto you.

66. After the people have purified themselves, by humbling themselves before their God in acknowledgement and repentance for their transgressions, let the people of each society throughout Zion, on the 25th day of December,

on the Lord's day *at half
past nine o'clock in the
forenoon, assemble themselves
together in their place of
sacred worship, in one body
and in one spirit, and sing
the Savior's universal
prayer, sent forth by my
own hand.

67. And then in humble
prayer beseech the Lord
to pour forth His spirit
upon His people, and
manifest Himself in
His holy power.

* That is Christmas.

68. And if ye are assembled together in one mind, and one spirit, the heavenly host, which will surround you, will pour forth their spirits and blessings upon you, and this day shall be unto you as the day of Penteecost.

69. And on that day, and henceforth, shall be performed unto you the prophecy of the prophet Joel, which he foresaw concerning the Latter Day. "And it shall come to pass afterward,

(saith God,) "that I will pour
out my Spirit upon all
flesh, and your sons and
your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream
dreams, your young men
shall see visions."

70. And also upon the
servants and upon the hand=
=maids in those days will
I pour out my Spirit."

71. And I will shew
wonders in the heavens and in
the earth, blood, and fire, and
pillars of smoke!".

72. The sun shall be
turned into darkness, and

the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the Lord come."

73. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be delivered; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the Lord hath said, and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call. . . . .

Joel Chap III. v. 28-32.

Note. It is my will that there should be as accurate a record of the proceedings

of this day, written, as can consistently be done, by each individual society. Let the record be carefully written devoid of ambiguity or exaggeration. If ye feel it will be of benefit, ye can appoint some one, or ones, as scribes of the proceedings of this day.

As soon as is consistant, there should be a record of this day sent from each society to the Ministry at Holy Mount, and let them be combined in one volume, and there kept, or circulated

as the Anointed may feel to be wisdom.

And let this record stand as a monument to the honor and glory, or to the dishonor and shame, of the inhabitants of Zion, which will be made manifest by the proportion of Gifts they are prepared to receive, and show forth.

I have now closed my mission for this time, and in love, I bid you an affectionate farewell.

The Savior.

To the Ministry
at Holy Mount.

Note. It is my desire that all who have had any manifestation of, or relating to, the present Gift, should communicate it to their Elders, and let it be annexed to this communication, and let these form a preface to the volume of records.

Amen.

The Savior.

Holy Mount,
Oct 1, 1845.

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